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CAPTAIN LEONEL A PEÑA ***BIOGRAPHY***

Captain Leonel A. Peña assumed responsibilities as Associate Bandmaster of the United States Army Field Band and Director of the Soldiers' Chorus in April of 2009. Prior to this assignment, he served as the Commander of the Staff & Faculty Company at the U.S. Army School of Music in Norfolk, Virginia. His earliest assignments were at Ft. McPherson in Atlanta, Georgia, where he served as Executive Officer & Associate Conductor of the Army Ground Forces Band, and later as Staff Bands Officer for U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM).

Captain Peña earned a bachelor's degree from Southwest Texas State University and a master's degree from Central Michigan University. He has also earned certification from the Contemporary Commercial Music Vocal Pedagogy Institute at the Shenandoah Conservatory of Music. He has performed and recorded with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus and Virginia Symphony Orchestra Chorus.

Captain Peña's military education and training include the Adjutant General Officer Basic Course, the Army Band Officer Course, the Army Bands Captain's Career Course, the Army Instructor Training Course, the Army Instructor Evaluator Course, the Systems Approach to Training Course, the Training Developer Middle Managers' Course, and the Airborne Course.

His military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, two Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement Medals, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and the Airborne Parachutist Badge.

In 2005 he was appointed by Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher to the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.